

The March 9, 2010 meeting of the Newtown Village Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Curt Cosby, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Councilmember's:	Brian Burns	Mark Kobasuk
	Doug Evans	Curt Tiettmeyer
	Joe Harten	Daryl Zornes

Mayor: Curt Cosby
Solicitor: Doug Miller
Fiscal Officer: Keri Everett
Police Chief: Tom Synan

Mayor Cosby welcomed everyone and made a few announcements.

Lenten Fish Fry: The Lenten Fish Fry is hosted by the Little Miami Fire and Rescue District, sponsored by the Newtown Civic League. The Fish Fry will run Fridays through March 26th, between 5:00pm and 7:30pm. Dinner ONLY will be served. The Fish Fry has been well-attended and has a variety of foods for everyone. Please join us for Fish and More!

Board of Zoning Appeals

Mayor Cosby received a letter of interest from resident Philip Smith for the vacant resident-at-large position on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mayor Cosby asked Council to make a motion to appoint Mr. Smith.

County Bid for Salt

Street Commissioner Ron Dickerson brought it to Council's attention that tomorrow is the deadline for the Village to be included in the County bid for salt for the 2010 Winter season. The price will be determined from the bids in a couple of months. Mr. Dickerson said the Village would deal directly with Cargill or North American, whoever gets the County's bid. The Village would order 300 tons of salt and can order as late as December 31st. Payment will be expected at the time the order is placed. The County will load, store and track the salt at no charge to the Village.

Village Signs

Mr. Dickerson spoke to the condition of the "Welcome to the Village of Newtown" signs. The signs are made of unsturdy dense foam and all signs, except one are currently broken. Mayor Cosby said we go through this every year with these types of foam signs. Mr. Dickerson suggested going to a hickory-type wood sign that could be painted every other year. He also suggested a vinyl/plastic-type of sign that would be more durable than the foam signs. Mr. Dickerson will report cost estimates back to Council.

Short Park

One of the two trees that needed to be cut down in Short Park has been cut down by the Maintenance Department. Mr. Dickerson said fire wood is available for residents; call 513.271.2009 if interested.

Mr. Evans asked about the condition of the nets on the basketball courts. Mr. Dickerson said the nets are in good condition. The poles do need to be painted.

Hamilton County Park District

Mayor Cosby said the HCPD will meet on March 25th; the restrooms for Short Park will be on their agenda.

Checklist

Village Auto repaired the brakes on one of the snow plow trucks before the last big snow. The invoice is for \$1,366.60. This was discussed at the 2/23/10 Council meeting. A motion needs to be made since the amount is over \$1,000.00.

Mr. Evans made a motion to approve an invoice to Village Auto for \$1,366.60. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to approve the Checklist dated 3/09/2010 in the amount of \$52,334.26. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

2010 Appropriations, Second Reading

Mr. Tiettmeyer explained that the Finance Committee has met two times and reviewed the 2010 Appropriations. Minor changes have been made to the 2010 Appropriations.

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to approve the Second Reading of an ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE VILLAGE APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2010. Mr. Kobasuk seconded the motion.

Discussion

Ms. Everett said she made one change since the Finance Committee met. The change is with the Permissive Motor Vehicle Fund 2101. This is the Fund used to do the Round Bottom Road project last year. OPWC just made their final payment to the contractors. Ms. Everett said it ends up being zero; she has to show the receipt and then show the expense. Ms. Everett said she has to show this on the books and she had to put in the \$12,022.82 in the Revenue and it shows it coming out in the Expense.

All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Tiettmeyer made a motion to have the Third Reading at the 3-23-2010 Council meeting. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Business Recovery Plan Update

Chief Synan, Mr. Burns and Mr. Tiettmeyer will hold a conference call on 3-18-2010 with Agility to walk through their program. Mr. Tiettmeyer will update Council at the 3-23-2010 Council meeting.

Council Minutes

Mr. Zornes made a motion to approve 2-23-2010 Council Minutes. Mr. Kobasuk seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Website Committee

The Website Committee met March 5th. Mr. Zornes said the topic is still being discussed.

Human Resource Committee

The HR Committee will meet Thursday, March 18th at 6:00pm at Town Hall.

Storm Drain Repairs

Mr. Dickerson obtained estimates from Blue Chip Paving and Rack Seven for three storm drain repairs for Village Drive. Mr. Evans said asphalt plants open in April so we will hold off on these estimates to see if anything changes.

Road Issues

Mr. Evans said the curve on Little Dry Run is deteriorating. He suggested making a list of problems in the Village to get a better price in packaging these repairs together. Mayor Cosby asked if the S curve was included. Mr. Dickerson said he will get an estimate on the S-curve when he gets an estimate for the curve on Little Dry Run. Mr. Evans said we need to get on these repairs this season so they don't get worse.

Lake Barber

Mr. Kobasuk asked to table the Resolution on the Lake Barber matter until the 3-23-10 Council meeting. The lawyers for Doug Evans and Doug Hall are meeting with Solicitor Miller Friday morning to discuss potential issues.

Alternatives in Fire Protection for Newtown Draft Report

Mayor Cosby and Council received the Draft of Alternatives in Fire Protection, Sunday, March 7th. Mr. Kobasuk, Mr. Tiettmeyer and Mayor Cosby will meet Thursday, March 18th at 7:00pm. to discuss the draft report.

Mayor's Monthly Statement to Council

Mr. Kobasuk made a motion to approve the February 2010 Mayor's Monthly Statement to Council. Mr. Burns seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mayor Cosby asked Lorna to look into adding a dual signature line on the Mayor's account. Currently, there is one signature line for the mayor to sign. Mayor Cosby said for checks and balances it would be a good idea for the account to require two signatures.

Resolution, Moundview Playground Equipment

Mr. Burns made a motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Kobasuk seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Burns made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 12-2010 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DAVID WILLIAMS & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion.

Discussion

Mr. Kobasuk asked if this was based on a grant the Village received. Mr. Burns said yes, a grant from 2009, a match from the Recycling Fund. Mr. Burns said Solicitor Miller has reviewed the purchasing agreement.

Roll Call: Mr. Tiettmeyer-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. Kobasuk-Yes, Mr. Burns-Yes, Mr. Harten-Yes. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Ordinance Establishing Park Fees

Mr. Burns made a motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Kobasuk seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Burns made a motion to adopt AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FEES FOR THE USE OF VILLAGE PARKS IN THE VILLAGE OF NEWTOWN, DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD REDINGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion

Mr. Kobasuk asked for a copy of the fee schedule. Mr. Burns did not realize the fee schedule was not attached in the email. The fee schedule needs to be attached to the Ordinance before it is passed, per Solicitor Miller.

Mr. Burns rescinded the motion; Mr. Kobasuk rescinded his second.

Ohio Municipal League

Mr. Harten attended the Ohio Municipal League seminar for newly-elected council members this past Saturday. Mr. Harten said even though we might have our disagreements we are in the top echelon of villages in Ohio. The seminar was enlightening and allowed Mr. Harten to meet people from local municipalities. They discussed various issues of cooperation and developing relationships with other government agencies. They offered a seminar on Land Use Planning and Zoning, which Mr. Harten will speak to as opportunities develop.

Martin Marietta Mining Issue

Mr. Kobasuk asked Solicitor Miller for an update on the Martin Marietta issue. Solicitor Miller said there is no change; they are still deliberating. Solicitor Miller is waiting to hear when they will meet again.

Board of Zoning Appeals Appointment

Mr. Burns made a motion to appoint Philip Smith to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Kobasuk seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Solicitor Miller suggested having a training session since we have new members on the Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission. Mayor Cosby asked Solicitor Miller to plan on a training session towards the end of April.

Planning Zoning Review Board

Mayor Cosby said the PZRB has met for the past two years and have presented their findings to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission will review the proposed changes March 22nd. A public hearing will then be held on changes to the zoning code; after than, it will then come before Council. Another public hearing will then be held on the same issue. Solicitor Miller will review the proper procedure that should be followed.

Center for Local Government (CLG) Joint Electric Purchasing Collaborative

CLG members have an opportunity to participate, organize and facilitate a joint purchasing collaborative for electricity for government facilities only for the purpose of saving on electric bills and saving tax-payer dollars. The CLG Board of Directors has agreed to work with Good Energy, a New York based energy consultant/broker has experience is doing these kinds of programs around the country. Ms. Everett copied three months of electric statements for our government facilities only. Good Energy will review these statements and submit an analysis for the Village of Newtown. Savings are estimated to be at least 20% for participating governments. This resolution will allow the CLG to accept a bid on the behalf of the Village of Newtown providing there is a cost savings.

Mayor Cosby and Council thought it would be a good idea to look into savings for the residents. Solicitor Miller worked on gas aggregation for another community last year. He said typically, trying to aggregate the electric is not worth it. Solicitor Miller said the Village would need to start the process right away in order to get this on the November ballot. Ms. Everett will contact Spence Faxon, Energy Alliances Inc. to speak at the 3/23/10 Council meeting.

Resolution, Electric Aggregation Program

Mr. Burns made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Zornes. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Zornes made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 13-2010 A RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO JOIN THE CENTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM, DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Harten seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Tiettmeyer-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. Kobasuk-Yes, Mr. Burns-Yes, Mr. Harten-Yes. Motion Carried.

Park Rules

Solicitor Miller asked Mr. Burns for an update on the Park Rules. Mr. Burns will call a Park Committee meeting at the 3/23/10 Council meeting.

Mr. Kobasuk made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 pm. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.